
Ten Imperatives of Pastoring

2 Timothy 2:1-26

1. _____ **God's Grace to** _____ **You (1)**

¹ You therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. _____ **Future** _____ **(2)**

² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit** these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

3. _____ **With** _____ **(3-6)**

³ You therefore must **endure hardship** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of [this] life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵ And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

4. _____ **To Understand (7)**

⁷ Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

5. _____ **Yourself On** _____ **Truths (8-13)**

⁸ Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, [even] to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ [This is] a faithful saying: For if we died with [Him], We shall also live with [Him]. ¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with [Him]. If we deny [Him], He also will deny us. ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

6. _____ **Towards** _____ **& Protection (14)**

¹⁴ Remind [them] of these things, charging [them] before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

7. _____ **Yourself** _____ **& Unashamed (15)**

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

8. _____ **Harmful** _____ **(16-21)**

¹⁶ But **shun** profane [and] idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. ¹⁷ And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, ¹⁸ who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." ²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

9. _____ **Key Practices With** _____ **People (22)**

²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

10. _____ **the Truth** _____ **and** _____ **(23-26)**

²³ But **avoid** foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. ²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and [that] they may come to their senses [and escape] the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to [do] his will.